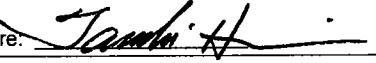


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THAT TRANSFORMS A DETECTED  
SPEECH INTO A SPEECH HAVING A  
SPEECH FORM ASSISTIVE IN  
UNDERSTANDING THE SEMANTIC  
MEANING IN THE DETECTED SPEECH

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response the Office Action mailed February 18, 2009, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks:

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this communication.